COVID 19 UPDATE URGENT URGENT MESSAGE DR AMY SLAGLE, MD 10/14/2020

We must CRUSH this Covid Surge.

Today one of the public health groups which monitor the burden of Covid infections found Menominee County to have the highest burden of Covid disease in the state of Wisconsin.

That means:

- We have very serious community spread of disease.
- Everyone you meet has Covid—that is the way we must all behave and make choices
- 2 month old babies are infected
- Elders are ill in the hospital
- People are getting Covid from sharing a ride without a mask, being in the same room with a

- positive person, eating near each other outside, working in the same room, going to visit a family member without masks.
- If you have to be admitted to the hospital, with Covid or ANYTHING you will likely get shipped to a hospital far away. When people hear "no hospital capacity" they turn off their brains and stop thinking about it. What it means is THERE ARE NO BEDS.

The Pathway of Covid: no infections → a few infections → more infections → many infections → people sick enough to need hospital → people dying from Covid.

We now have many sick people and people in hospital. The next step in progression is starting to see deaths.

PLEASE, we don't want to lose a single person in this community.

WE ALL MUST ACT NOW:

 DO NOT RIDE IN A CAR WITH ANYONE ELSE WITHOUT MASKS

- PLEASE DO NOT VISIT YOUR ELDERS FOR THE NEXT WEEK. DO NOT GO THERE.
- ELDERS DO NOT LET OTHER FAMILY IN YOUR HOME FOR THE NEXT WEEK. YOU SHOULD ASSUME THEY HAVE COVID.
- DO NOT GO IN ANY STORE UNLESS EVERYONE IS WEARING A MASK INSIDE
- DO NOT GO IN A BAR OR RESTAURANT, PICK UP CURBSIDE FROM THE CURB!
- WEAR A MASK EVERYWHERE YOU GO
- STAY AT LEAST SIX FEET AWAY FROM OTHERS
- WASH HANDS, WASH HANDS, WASH HANDS

WE ARE AT A CRITICAL POINT. A VACCINE IS MONTHS AWAY. WISCONSIN HAD AN ALL-TIME HIGH NUMBER OF DEATHS YESTERDAY. HOSPITALS HAVE NO WHERE TO PUT PEOPLE.

PLEASE ASSESS YOUR ACTIONS, YOUR CHOICES, AND YOUR BELIEFS NOW AND CHANGE WHATEVER YOU CAN TO BE SAFER TO AVOID INFECTION, TO KEEP THE ELDERS AND OTHER VULNERABLE PEOPLE ALIVE.

IF YOU CAN PICK ONE THING TO CHANGE FOR THE NEXT WEEK: GO ONE WEEK WITHOUT ENTERING ANYONE'S HOME THAT IS NOT YOUR OWN.

We must CRUSH COVID now! Please spread the word and decide what changes you can make TODAY!

Thank you!

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